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‘Every night it’s a living nightmare’

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Simon Vinnicombe with his son George

A former EastEnders scriptwriter who found himself living his own real-life drama when his son almost died from type-1 diabetes is to run 100km in order to raise funds to fight the disease.

Simon Vinnicombe, 40, and his wife Tracy, from Chessington, say it’s a living nightmare each night when they must get up about seven times to monitor the blood sugar levels of son George, aged six.

And this Saturday, September 30, Simon is aiming to hit a target of £100,000 with the run lasting around 11 hours, for which he has been in training for around six months.

He said: “All we want is to be able to watch George sleep without wondering if he will ever wake again. We really are living every parent’s nightmare every night.

“I’m absolutely sure that there are brilliant people who are doing brilliant work that is going to end this condition, but they need money for research.”

Simon is a professional playwright who has also written for BBC Radio 4 as well as London theatres including The Old Vic and Southwark Playhouse.

His own-real life drama unfolded when George was six months old when he and Tracy took him to A&E fearing he had a cold, but were told he was going to die because he had suffered a virus which had destroyed his pancreas. That meant he couldn’t produce insulin and his blood was turning to acid.

“George showed incredible fight to come back to us,” said Simon. “They told us he was one of the sickest kids ever to leave intensive care.”

Simon will begin his run at about 5.30am on Saturday, which is the sixth anniversary of the day when George was diagnosed. Much of the route will entail laps around the Tamsin Trail in Richmond Park.

Simon has already raised almost £60,000 towards his target, including a staggering £51,000 in one night following a speech at the The House Of Lords.

If you would like to donate, visit www.justgiving.com/fundraising/georgesrunfortype1

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The Ashley Centre

Man dies after falling from shopping centre roof

A man has died after falling from The Ashley Centre in Epsom.

Surrey Police were called at 11.30pm on Sunday to reports a man fallen from the building.

Police and ambulances were both called to the scene.

A spokeswoman for the police said: "sadly the man died at the scene as a result of his injuries.

"The incident is not thought to be suspicious, and his family are aware."

Rare rodent babies rescued

Three rare blind mice had a lucky escape this week after workmen found them in a nest beside their dead mother.

After being discovered in Tadworth, Surrey, they were taken to the Wildlife Aid Foundation in Leatherhead.

The tiny rodents are a critically endangered species facing extinction and the rescued hazel dormice are believed to be just a few weeks old.

They were rehydrated before being sent to a specialist orphan feeder who will look after them until they can be released into the wild.

'Too tough for words'

Consultant competing for business prize on The Apprentice

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Growing up she wanted to be an astronaut or a clown.

Now Chessington's Anisa Topan will be appearing on the upcoming season of the The Apprentice.

Mrs Topan, who studied at Wimbledon College of Arts, owns her own fashion PR consultancy and said appearing on the show was the most "mentally tough experience of her life."

"It was so tough that you can't even really express it in words," she said.

"The toughest part was the interview process but it was brilliantly hilarious."

Despite nailing the interview, the 36-year-old from Seaforth Avenue nearly didn't make it that far.

She pulled up sick on the day of the audition, but with some encouraging words from her husband she gritted her teeth and went for it anyway.

"To see the audition tape go online was both exciting and worrying," she said.

"But I have absolutely no regrets about it all."

Up until this point in her life, she joked that the most noteworthy accomplishment was designing the winning logo for the neighbourhood flag.

It's fair to say she's still a little anxious about seeing herself on television.

"After watching the audition tape I just wanted to die," Mrs Topan said.

"I might just have to watch the show through my hands because I don't know if I'll be able to handle it."

An ambition to pivot her business made her apply, but it could be her desire to watch others succeed that could see her go far in the competition. My dad passed away a few years ago and I pawned the gold he left me to start my business," she said.

"He was always on the go and I aspire to be like him so I'm hoping that this gives me the opportunity to do that."

The Apprentice is on BBC One from 9pm on Wednesday, October 4.

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Guildford Crown Court

Man cleared of sex abuse charges

An Epsom karate instructor has been cleared of all allegations he sexually abused a child.

Spencer Hannan, 42, from Derek Avenue, was cleared of three counts of non-penetrative sexual activity with a child under 16 after a trial at Guildford Crown Court On Thursday, September 21.

Mr Hannan went to trial in January charged with four counts of the same offence but when the jury could not reach a verdict on three of the charges, a retrial date was set for September.

The verdict was unanimous.

MP keeps his talk promise

Cabinet meeting fails to stop interview

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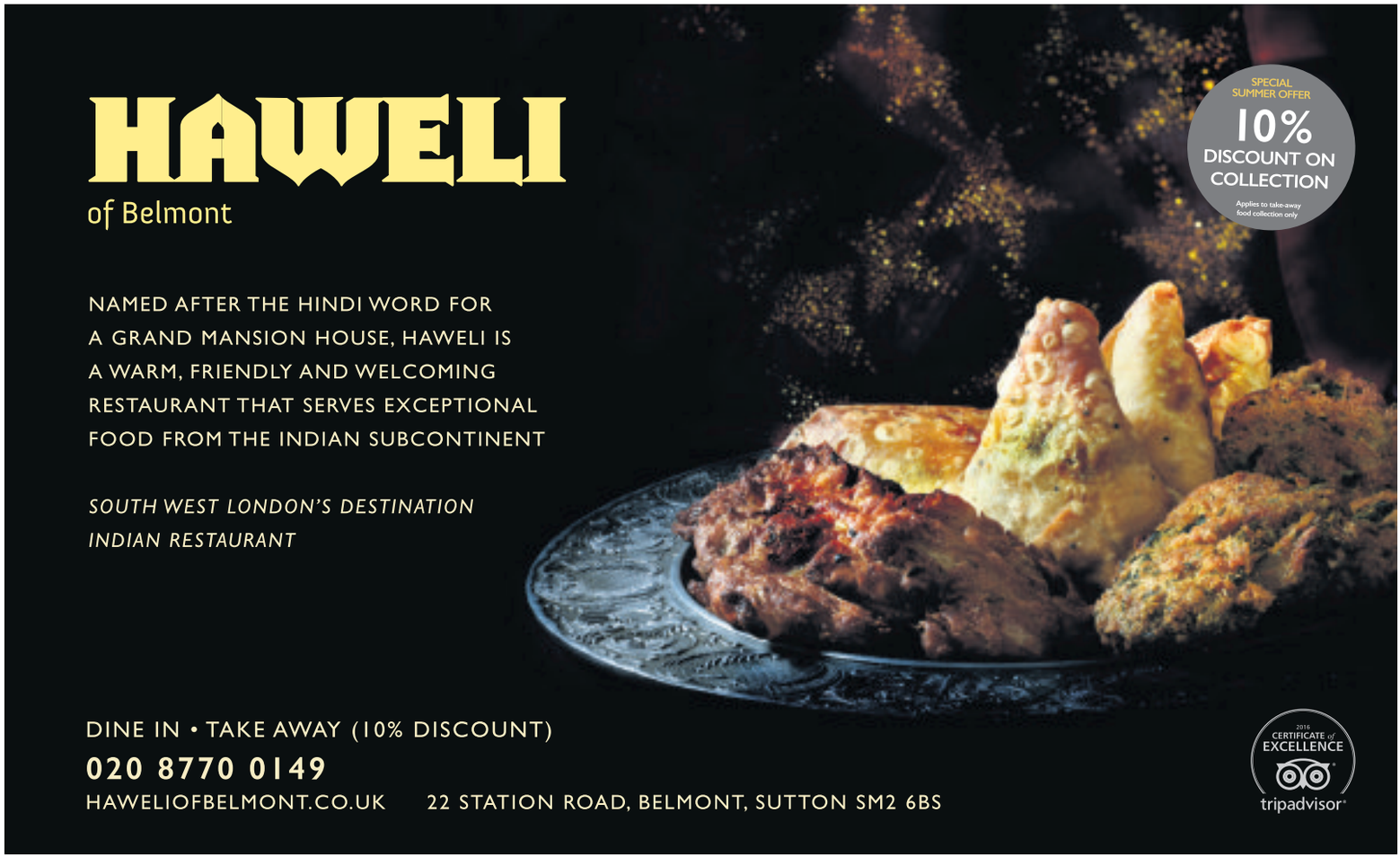
When a last-minute Cabinet Meeting was called last Thursday morning, charity Epsom and Ewell Talking Newspaper for the Blind thought their date with Transport Secretary Chris Grayling was doomed. But the Transport Minister, the borough's MP for 16 years, kept his date, albeit "a little later than scheduled".

In an exclusive, wide-ranging interview, Mr Grayling discussed the expansion of Heathrow and extension of HS2; the possibility of extending Oyster Zone 6 and the future of Epsom and St Helier Hospitals.

Responding to a question about the proposed new hospital in Sutton, which he says would take away high end and acute cases from Epsom and St Helier, Mr Grayling said: "If and when the NHS comes forward with a serious plan and evidence they have the money to do it, then we'll have a serious discussion about what's right for the area."

He confirmed that in his view Epsom Hospital should remain as part of the health service in Surrey and that "right now no change is imminent for Epsom, it's doing a great job, but five to ten years from now, I want to make sure that we've got the right solution for Surrey".

For more information about Epsom and Ewell Talking Newspaper or to hear the interview in full, go to eetn.org.uk or call 01372 721519.



Golden opportunity for 2018 Derby tickets

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Golden tickets to next year's Derby will be hidden at random in the raceday programmes for Epsom Downs' season finale this weekend.

Three lucky racegoers on Sunday (October 1) will bag a pair of Grandstand tickets, worth £120, the race on June 2, 2018.

Grandstand ticket holders can watch races from the side of the trace and have access to view horses parading in the Paddock before the race. The tickets also give access to the ever-popular Hyperion Lawn, that is host to the official party with a guest DJ, once racing has concluded.

Tickets for the Derby – the richest horse race in Britain, this year won by 40/1 shot Wings of Eagles – go on sale on Friday, September 29.

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Tickets for the Derby go on sale on Friday, September 29

Matt Heal is training for a new career

Travel break inspires new career direction

Navy man gets boost to start career in media

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An ex-serviceman is getting help from charity and the newly created Forces Media Academy to kick-start his new career.

Matt Heal, from Epsom, was deployed all over the world in Commando Helicopter Force after joining the Navy as an 18-year-old. Now he is embarking on a Higher National Certificate in media production.

The certificate is supported by the Royal British Legion, which provides every student with a £18,000 bursary, and will see 15 ex-forces members provided with training, experience and qualifications for careers in videography, digital, TV or radio.

Matt took a two-year career break in 2014 and travelled the world taking photographs. He soon found his work being shared around the world on social media.

He said: "I saw the ad for the Forces Media Academy and knew I had to try and be part of this incredible opportunity. It was the greatest feeling ever when I found out that I had been accepted as it will provide me with the knowledge and expertise I need to allow me to pursue the next exciting chapter in my life."

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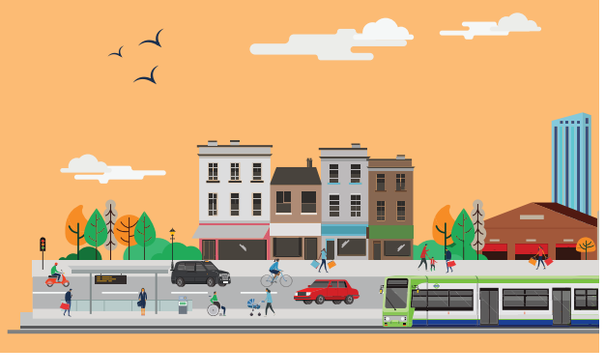

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Baby girl born in A&E car park

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When mum-of-one Lucy Jinks thought about how her second baby would be born, it is unlikely "in a car park" made its way into her birth plan.

And when woke up early one Saturday morning, she couldn't have imagined giving birth in a car park just two hours later.

It was also a surprise for nurses finishing their nightshift at Epsom Hospital.

Lucy, 33, in the kitchen when her waters broke at about 6am on September 16.

Her husband, Dale, hurriedly set off with Lucy on the ten minute drive to the hospital from their home in Headley Court.

"It was crazy," Lucy said. "We had literally just pulled up outside A&E. If it took us any longer my husband would have had to deliver her."

The mum was briefly left on her own on the passenger seat as her husband ran to seek help.

Lucy with her baby daughter

She said: "I was in the passenger seat and I remember a lot of people coming. One guy was helping, along with two nurses.

"The guy said 'do you feel like you can push' and the baby then came out feet first."

Nobody was aware that the baby was breeched. Fortunately the delivery was successful and Lucy avoided a C-Section.

She said: "The staff were pretty shocked. Luckily things went ok. It was a bit of excitement for the nurses coming off their night shift. With all the commotion we didn't know the time she was born.

"I remember a nurse saying 'it was about five minutes ago' so we went with 7.15am," Lucy laughed.

Baby Indy was born eight pounds nine ounces and is now "good as gold".

Lucy said: "It worked out well in the end because I was able to leave hospital on the same day."

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Dumped clothes linked to assaults

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Images of items thought to belong to a man who sexually assaulted two girls in Ewell and Claygate have been released.

In CCTV previously released, a man is seen walking down Steven's Lane towards Claygate centre 30 minutes prior to when a 15-year-old girl was sexually assaulted by a man in a wooded area in Claygate.

The man was wearing a distinctive blue jacket with a Chelsea FC badge and Adidas logo and a black cap with a Ferrari logo. Along the side of the cap there is a 10th Anniversary Partnership sticker. These items were then found discarded the following week in Berkley Gardens.

A month earlier on July 10, a 15-year-old girl was riding a bicycle along the Hogsmill River estate in Ewell when a man pushed her off her bike and sexually assaulted her.

Later that day between 5.50pm and 6pm the same man is seen walking up Stevens' Lane, he then runs into Hill View Road (the entrance to Ruxley Heights private estate), his last known direction of travel was up Stevens' Lane heading north towards the junction of Woodstock Lane and Chessington.

Detectives release photos of items found in relation to two linked sexual assaults

On both occasions the victims were able to break away from the attacker and run to safety.

Detective Chief Inspector Jo Hayes from the Surrey and Sussex Major Crime Team, who is leading the investigation, said: "So far we have a good picture of the suspect and we've had a number of names put to us which we've been able to rule out due to the DNA profile that we have of the man we'd like to speak to.

"I am specifically interested in hearing from you if you know someone who might have owned the clothing or items pictured, recognise the broken ear bud that went missing from August 17, and noticed any suspicious activity.

"Did you see a relative or friend acting oddly on the dates in question or notice any scratches to their face around July 10?

"These young girls have suffered a terrifying ordeal and we need to find this man before he strikes again. I am appealing directly to anyone who may know the suspect or recognises the man in the CCTV.

"Are you his mother, wife or friend? If so, I would appeal to you to do the right thing and come forward with information."

Anyone with information is asked to call Surrey Police on 101 quoting reference 45170090450, or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111. You can also report information online at report.police.uk/.

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All must be vigilant

I am so pleased that the UK terror threat level has been lowered to severe from critical. I should also like to mention how well the police have worked in arresting people so soon after the Parsons Green tube bomb incident. We, as ordinary citizens, must play our part in being vigilent, it is essential that we pay attention to what is going on around us. Wise words indeed but does everybody pay attention? The answer to this question is "No" as I recently discovered.

On September 18, after I had sat down at the bus stop opposite the Old Courthouse Surgery I noticed three unattended small black cases in front of the surgery's hedge. I asked a young woman who was walking towards me if they were hers. She said they weren't.

I hastily entered the surgery and told the woman behind the counter about the cases outside. She went to the window and said that there was someone handling the luggage. I went outside again and saw that it was the young woman I had spoken to previously. She was with an Asian man and woman.

I wanted to ask the Asian couple why they had done such a stupid thing as leaving their cases unattended but because I was so angry my words were incoherent. Did being vigilent mean nothing to them? They seemed to take no notice of what I was saying. Maybe their English was poor but the tone of my voice should have indicated that I was angry.

They then left me and so I returned to the bus stop. It seems to me unbelievable that anyone should just leave three cases unattended when the threat of terrorism is all about us. Do they not listen to the radio, read newspapers or watch television? It would seem not. We, the people of this country, have been told by the media to be vigilent. All I can say is, whilst I was vigilent and did something about a possible threat, some people do absolutely the reverse (like this couple).

Valerie Scouler
Cheam

Save town's police station

I would like to thank all those residents who have signed our petition over the summer to save Wimbledon police station.

Working together with local MP Stephen Hammond, we have collected over 4,000 signatures. If you haven't yet signed, it's not too late to do so. Just go to: www.savewimbledonpolicestation.co.uk

As many people have pointed out, it is ridiculous to close a police station so well located right in Wimbledon town centre with its large night-time economy and major transport hub, both of which need policing.

Unfortunately this seems to be a deliberate decision by the Mayor of London, Sadiq Khan, to target Wimbledon without considering the impact on levels of crime and anti-social behaviour here. He has already cut police funds by removing £38 million from the police staffing budget, yet now he plans to close our police station.

Together with residents, Merton Conservatives will continue fighting hard against the Mayor's proposals. Following our motion at full council, we plan to go to City Hall shortly to present the petition to Sadiq Khan in person and make the case for retaining Wimbledon police station. Hopefully, when presented with thousands of signatures, he will reconsider these misjudged plans.

However, if we are to succeed in convincing the Mayor he is wrong to close our local police station and sell off the land, it is also crucial that as many people as possible respond to the Mayor's consultation document at www.london.gov.uk/public-access

As the online questionnaire seems to have been designed deliberately to be difficult to complete, residents may find it easier to email comments directly to consultation@mopac.london.gov.uk or by post c/o MOPAC at City Hall. All responses must be received by Friday, October 6.

Cllr David Simpson
Conservative Spokesman for Community Safety and Enforcement

picture of the week

John Gillespie took this picture of a heron at Carshalton ponds. If you have a picture you would like to be considered for publication email it to pwarner@london.newsquest.co.uk

September's far too early for Christmas cheer

EDITOR'S VIEW

You miserable old git.

I hear it so often these days I'm getting used to the tag and don't even question it any more.

But, when the latest accusation flew my way yesterday I was having none of it.

I don't care what anyone says Christmas in September is plain bloody stupid and completely uncalled for.

I took the rare opportunity to visit a pub and, lo and behold, there was a fully decked Christmas tree with presents around it and that particularly repetitive, totally predictable, festive music playing on a loop.

Now, I'm prepared to accept picking up the tree and chucking it into the car park is probably not the best way to express my displeasure, but it certainly got the message across. A number of the regulars definitely saw the funny side.

Of course I realise pubs and restaurants hate this early Yuletide nonsense as much as the rest of us and are only going along with it because they need to benefit from early bookings.

But, I believe a line needs to be drawn and we should all take responsibility for keeping the season at least a little bit special. So, it's a no to September Christmas from me.

I always do all my shopping on the 24th, it's just a tradition I like to maintain, although I know others will insist upon being better prepared.

However, that desperately painful American nonsense we have to endure at Halloween is still a full month away, so surely it's fair enough to insist we get through that before going all holly and ivy?

It's not that I mind Christmas, or Halloween, it's just the extent to which they've both been over commercialised. In the case of Christmas the greed has reached such appalling levels this once lovely, joyous celebration has been stretched across four months.

In the case of Halloween everything bad about America has been adopted and packaged into one date of the year.

I don't want to moan on too much as I accept, in the grand scheme of things, if this is the worst I've got to worry about I'm a lucky man.

But, perhaps I should consider starting a campaign. And anyway, just because one year I had to shop for my wife at the late night garage, it was still a great surprise and both the tow rope and jump leads have been very useful.

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Defence lawyer claims Italian kidnap case could be 'a sham'

Reporter
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A lawyer for the man who allegedly helped kidnap a Coulsdon model has claimed the case could be a "sham" invented as a "publicity stunt."

Chloe Ayling was reportedly snatched by a group calling itself Black Death after being lured to a fake modelling shoot in Milan in July.

Ms Ayling is believed to have been drugged and transported in a bag to an isolated village near Turin, where she was held for six days as her captors tried to auction her online.

Since then, questions have arisen over the legitimacy of those claims. These include the one made by Lukasz Herba's lawyer, George Hepburne Scott.

Herba is in custody in Italy, having been arrested after delivering Ms Ayling to the British Embassy on July 17 – six days after she was allegedly kidnapped. He has said he did not knowingly take part in any crime.

Mr Scott said: "There is a real risk that the entire case is a sham."

Ms Ayling's former agent Phil Green has previously told ITV's Good Morning Britain that the 20-year-old received £200,000 worth of offers of work when she returned to the UK.

The lawyer also pointed to an alleged incident during which Ms Ayling and her captor went shopping for shoes, calling it a "wholly anomalous feature of a hostage situation."

She also went to breakfast with the kidnapper before her release when the pair found the British consulate was closed, Mr Scott said.

"It would amount to an abuse of process of the court if there was any evidence to suggest this was a publicity stunt," he told the judge.

"This case has a unique set of anomalies which might lead to the conclusion that the Italian authorities have been duped and that their process has been abused."

Chloe Ayling made the headlines worldwide over the summer

Herba appeared in custody at London's Westminster Magistrates' Court on Monday to fight extradition.

District Judge Paul Goldspring pointed out much of the material relied on by Mr Scott came from press reports, which he said did not prove any of the theories in the case. He will give his ruling on Friday.

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Warning after 'brazen' raids

Reporter
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Burglars are "terrifying" residents by "using threats and violence" to force entry into homes across Surrey, according to police.

Surrey Police is advising residents to take care when storing high value jewellery and gold following 14 suspected targeted burglaries in Walton, Molesey, Epsom, Ashford, Egham, Tadworth and Banstead.

The burglars force their way in when people open their door or when occupants are out.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Anna Moffat said: "These crimes have been terrifying for those involved as these offenders are brazen about what they do, and are willing to break into homes during daytime and evening hours using threats and violence to get what they want.

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Sinnerboy recreate Gallagher's music

The band Sinnerboy are bringing the music of the legendary guitarist Rory Gallagher to the Boom Boom Club in Sutton this Friday (September 29).

Rory Gallagher sadly passed away in 1995, but had a huge impact on the world of blues and rock and is recognised as I reland's first real "rock star", blazing the trail for many major Irish acts to follow on the international stage.

Apart from his reputation as one of the greatest ever exponents of the electric guitar, Rory's enduring musical legacy has received fresh recognition and attracted a new generation of younger fans over recent years. He was a prolific composer, recording no fewer than fifteen albums of highly original soulful blues and blazing rock material.

Sinnerboy have a huge reputation for faithfully recapturing the sound and excitement of a live Rory gig.

They have played a major role in promoting the revival of Rory's music for the last sixteen years and apart from gigging extensively in the UK and Ireland, have headlined Rory Gallagher tribute events in Ireland, England, Holland, Belgium, Germany, Greece, Spain, Norway and the USA.

You don't even have to be a Rory fan already to appreciate the blistering blues/rock that Sinnerboy produce, but you no doubt will be by the end of the gig.

Sinnerboy, Boom Boom Club, The Borough Sports Ground, Gander Green Lane, Sutton, Surrey SM1 2EY, Friday, September 29, doors 7.30pm, £10/£12. Visit feenstra.co.uk

Martyn Shaw answers our questions ahead of appearing in Gore Vidal's political thriller, The Best Man, alongside a host of other well-known names at Richmond Theatre next week...

BEST of ENEMIES

What's your new play, The Best Man, about? It's a thrilling drama about the morality of politics. And it's a love story. It's set in 1960 at a presidential convention, where the nominees are chosen for the party's presidential candidate. It's down to two front runners who idealistically, morally and in every sense are polar opposites. One of them will do absolutely anything to win and the other will cling on to the moral view of things. It raises all the issues people wonder about when it comes to politics, but with a lot of human interest. I think it's a magnificent piece of work.

Who do you play? I play William Russell. He is a very honest, moral man, who's been very successful in government and was previously Secretary of State. But he's different to most politicians in that he has a very clear moral compass. He's also somewhat mistrusted because he is extremely intelligent. At one point, due to severe strain when he was in government, he had a nervous breakdown. His opponent, played by the wonderful American actor Jeff Fahey, tries to use this against him. William is given the opportunity to fight back using some really nasty alleged sexual conduct. The play explores that conflict around how far you would go to get elected.

Gore Vidal wrote the play in 1960. Is it still relevant to today's world? It's totally relevant. There will be resonances for people because of the controversy with Trump, of course, but there will always be that relevance. If you examine Elizabethan politics, it's exactly the same. Politics has always had this element in it. Politicians will always reach a point where they have to ask if the ends justify the means. That's always the big moral dilemma they have to face.

The play was adapted into an Oscar-nominated film. What does seeing it on stage bring to the experience? When you see it in the theatre, you are part of it. You are in the arena with the participants. It's the same watching the cup final on TV or in the stadium. When you watch a football match on TV it's great, but you're only watching a small part of the pitch. You can't see the movements that are being made. You can't see the defence moving up. You can't see the midfielders positioning themselves. And you don't get the atmosphere. There is no substitute for being there live.

The cast is packed with fantastic actors. Have you worked with any of them before? Jeff Fahey is a really lovely man and we developed a great friendship on another show, Twelve Angry Men. And Gemma Jones is an old friend. We first worked together in 1967, I think. Her brother Nick has been my best friend for 46 years. I knew Jack Shepherd when we were at the Royal Court together in the 60s. It is nice to have old comrades to talk about the old days with. It's also very exciting to be in a company with such brilliant players in the supporting roles. We have got a truly brilliant company here.

The show is directed by rising star Simon Evans. How have you found working with him? He is just an inspiring director. There are very few directors where you feel in totally safe hands, but he's one. He will make a slight suggestion and it opens up a door into a whole suite of rooms of ideas. That's what a director should do, but it's a quality that's incredibly rare.

Are you a fan of touring?

The great thing about touring is that you perform the play for a lot of different audiences and in many different spaces. I think it's essential and a very important part of the job, not only to make sure that the work is well oiled and very well practiced, but also to give people who don't live in London the opportunity to see it. It was always done in the old days. It was important because there was very little television. Actors who wanted to be known had to get out and make themselves known. It's not necessary from a professional point of view these days, but from the point of view of one's responsibility to the wider public it is very important.

Are you looking forward to taking the show to Richmond? Richmond's great because it's such a beautiful venue. It's lovely to be in one of these old theatres that's been preserved so well. Being so close to the river there's great walks there too. And it's usually where friends and family who live in London come and see me in the play when it's touring.

The Best Man, Richmond Theatre, The Green, Richmond, Surrey TW9 1QJ, October 2-7, tickets £23 to £57.40. For more information visit atgtickets.com/venues/richmond-theatre/

KINGSMAN RETURNS

Movie fans have not been short of either comic book adaptations or spy movies in recent times yet when Kingsman: The Secret Service hit cinemas three years ago its sharp script, bags of humour and fizzing energy ignited a passion in audiences, ***writes Jim Palmer***.

Now they are back – once again scripted by Jane Goldman and directed by Matthew Vaughn – and ready to take things up a notch again.

The movie, out last week, sees Colin Firth and Taron Egerton's Kingsman under threat from the evil Golden Circle, led by an evil mastermind played by Julianne Moore.

To survive, they need to seek help from their American counterparts, known as the Statesmen.

Taron Egerton was plucked from obscurity to play Eggsy, the teenage Millwall fan chosen by Colin Firth's Harry Hart to be part of an immaculately dressed and gadget packed secret service called Kingsman.

Speaking to the crowds at the film's World Premiere in Leicester Square on last week, he said: "When we did the premiere three years ago, I was just focussed on not falling over. I remember being so, so nervous and so excited as well. It was the first film I had ever done.

"And I was with Matthew (Vaughn, the director) and Colin Firth and Mark Strong and Samuel L Jackson and Michael Caine – and I knew it was going to be something special.

"I am so glad it was enough of a hit to warrant coming back. And I don't know if you have noticed but we have actually assembled a little known rabble of actors to join us this time.

"It is so exciting to be here, I'm very proud of the movie and I don't think anybody is going to be disappointed."

The 'little known rabble' Egerton refers to is in fact a galaxy's worth of stars, including but not limited to: Julianne Moore, Halle Berry, Channing Tatum, Jeff Bridges, Pedro Pascal, Poppy Delevingne and Elton John, playing himself in a cameo.

For Jeff Bridges, the chance to join the cast for the sequel was 'a no-brainer'. He told the crowds at the premiere: "That first one knocked me out. Those guys, they really knocked it out of the park."

While the movie is packed with huge stars, there was also space for some newer faces. Hollyoaks alumnus Calvin Demba plays lead character Eggsy (Taron Egerton)'s mate Brandon.

He said: "It was a good experience. I'm very fond of Matthew Vaughn's work and obviously working with Taron Egerton was pretty cool as well.

"I've never really been in a big budget film like this so was a bit of a revelation to see how these guys work.

"Everyone was really focussed and sure they were onto something big and it was nice to be included in that."

Kingsman: The Golden Circle is out now.

Taron Egerton in Kingsman: The Golden Circle. Picture: 20th Century Fox

What Dad Cooked: Cinnamon apple pie

TIME: 1 hour plus 2 hours resting pastry and 1 baking SERVES: 8 LEVEL: medium

WHAT YOU NEED
About 8-10 mixed cooking and eating apples
Juice of 1 lemon
2 tbs flour
150g light muscovado sugar
125ml apple juice
45g unsalted butter
1 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
1/4 tsp nutmeg
1/2 tsp vanilla
1/4 tsp salt
Extra butter for the the pie dish
Pastry:
350g plain flour, 225g cold cubed unsalted butter, 1/2 tsp salt, 5-6 tbs iced water.
Egg wash:
1 egg beaten with a few drops of milk
Cinnamon sugar:
2tbs sugar, 2 tsp cinnamon

HOW DAD COOKED IT: Each year hundreds of local apple trees go unpicked. Abundance Kingston, a non-profit organisation finds these trees and aims to redistribute surplus apples to the community. This is how we ended up with a basket full of mixed apples, just what's needed for this autumnal cinnamon apple pie.

The cinnamon is perfect with apples giving a warming seasonal flavour. The recipe was developed to mimic the filling of a certain American high street food chain's pie. Use ready-made pastry if you're short of time, but making pastry from scratch is worth the effort. For an extra treat, try left over cinnamon sugar on hot buttered toast.

Use a 23cm/9in ceramic pie dish 5cm/2in deep, or similar. Preheat the oven to 200C, Gas 6. Butter the pie dish.

Make the pastry. Sieve the flour, sugar and salt into a large bowl, add the butter and rub with fingers until the texture of breadcrumbs. Add the water until the dough comes together. Form into a ball and wrap in cling film and rest in the fridge for an hour.

Cut the pastry into two pieces, one a little larger than the other.

Form the pastry into two flat circles. Roll the larger piece, rolling from the centre outwards making a circle about 3cm larger than the pie dish. Line the pie dish and use excess pastry to make good any gaps.

For the lid, roll the smaller piece of dough into a circle just a little larger than the dish. Place the lid on a floured oven tray and rest with the base in the fridge for an hour. Remove 10 minutes before use.

Peel and core the apples. Cut into rather thick slices/chunks. Squeeze the lemon into the bowl and mix with the apples to prevent browning.

Take a handful of the apples and put into a large pan. Add the flour and mix, then add the apple juice, sugar, butter, cinnamon, vanilla and salt. Cook until the apples are soft.

Combine the cooked apples with the remaining apples and transfer to the pie dish, cover with the pastry lid, using milk to help join the pastry – crimp the edges using your fingers. Decorate the pie with leftover pastry.

Pierce the lid with a tip of a knife to make ventilation holes.

Bake at 200C, Gas 6, for 10 minutes, then reduce the temperature to 180C, Gas 4 and bake for 30 – 40 minutes until the pastry is golden brown and the apples are soft (when tested with a skewer or knife). 10 minutes before the end of cooking glaze with egg wash.

When cooked, remove from oven and sprinkle with cinnamon sugar.

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Engery-saving tips

Saving energy, like recycling waste, is one of those good habits which people acquire, but all too often lose. We tend to get our lofts insulated and turn off electrical appliances we are not using, then fall back into our bad old ways – and end up with inflated energy bills.

It should not be too difficult to keep your bills down. Most energy-saving measures are common sense. But it is worth reminding yourself from time to time of the basic principles of energy conservation – and how you can apply them in your home.

There are also implications for landlords, says Tanya Blake, Head of Savills Country Lettings. "From April 2018, Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards (MEES) for domestic residences will be introduced, meaning that landlords must ensure that any new tenancies or renewals come with an energy efficiency rating of E or above."

Here are our top 10 energy-saving tips for the thrifty according to onthemarket.com

1. Loft insulation. It is a familiar energy-saving measure with government grants available for the cost of the work (www.government-grants.co.uk/loft-insulation). The independent Energy Saving Trust estimates that, in a typical detached house, loft insulation will save £225 a year.

2. Boilers. Like human beings, the older boilers get, the more inefficient they become. So, you should not only get your boiler serviced regularly, but consider replacing it with a newer, more energy-efficient model. Buying a top-of-the-range gas boiler can be expensive, with installation costs likely to top £2,000, but after that there are potential annual savings of over £300 a year.

3. Double-glazing. Double-glazed windows save far, more energy than single-glazed ones. Modern double-glazing is more pleasing on the eye than it used to be with contemporary options of attractive timber frames.

4. Solar panelling. It is not quite as popular as it was but it remains an excellent option with the possibility of recouping your installation costs through the "Feed-in-Tariff" (FIT), equivalent to 4.11p per kilowatt hour of electricity generated. "The upfront costs of installing photovoltaic (PV) panels can be daunting but it is well worth it if you expect to be living in your home for several years, particularly if you live in the south, where the weather is warmer," says Richard Banes-Walker of Strutt & Parker in Farnham.

5. Cavity walls. People who get their lofts insulated often forget to do the same with cavity walls. But without insulation, cavity walls, particularly of the kind found in older properties, can lead to a waste of energy. In a typical semi-detached house, cavity wall insulation would cost around £475 to install but may lead to savings of around £150 a year.

6. Light bulbs. The latest eco-friendly bulbs are not just energy-efficient but make fashionable features around the home too. If you replace all your old bulbs with LED (Light-Emitting Diodes) ones, you should be able to save around £35 a year.

7. Thermostats. How many people turn on their bath taps and then immediately scald themselves? Setting thermostats too high is a common error which should be easy to avoid. Homeowners often use trial-and-error to find the right energy-efficient temperature for their homes. But now there are new products on the market, such as thermostats operated by smart technology which will send you a monthly home report on your energy usage. If you turn your thermostat down by one degree, you should save £80 a year.

8. Underfloor heating. Many new properties have underfloor heating as standard. But it can be worthwhile installing it in older properties.

9. Monitor your electricity consumption. Nothing makes people inclined to make economies so much as seeing the bill mount up before their eyes. Invest in an electricity meter with a state-of-the-art digital display. And remember to turn off your lights and unplug your mobile phone chargers when they are not being used.

10. Radiators. "Replace your horizontal radiators with a vertical design to make best use of wall space," suggests Strutt & Parker's Richard Banes-Walker. "If your radiator is under a window or behind a sofa, it is wasting energy."

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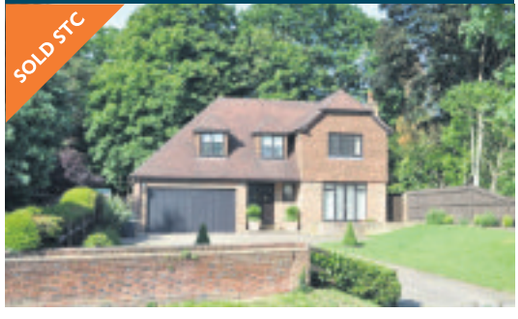

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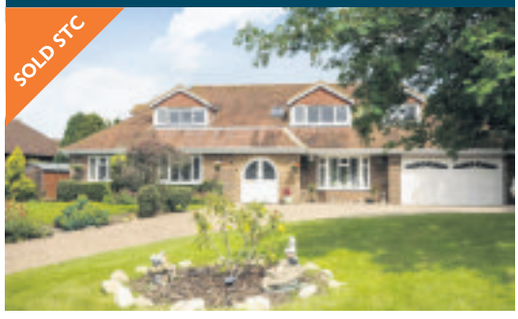

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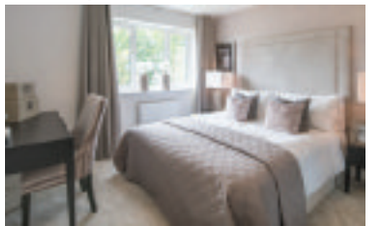

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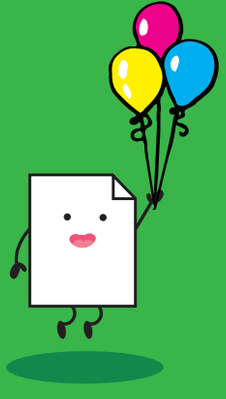

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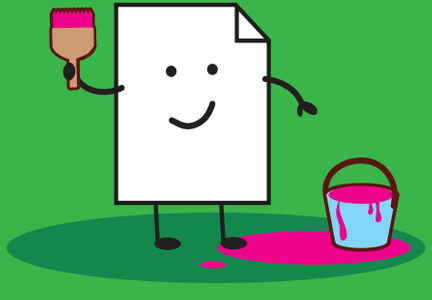

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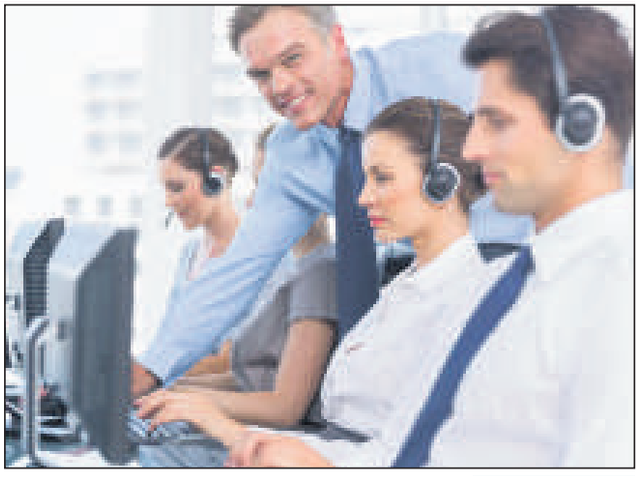

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More and more high-profile bosses are recognising the importance of being accessible to customers, not to mention embracing the good PR that can come with it. Electric car maker Tesla is one firm taking an open-door approach to customer service, having just announced it's going to allow customers to escalate their complaints to the company's president of sales and service.Others go even further. The American airline JetBlue has a reputation for going the extra mile to meet customer expectations. When a JetBlue customer jokingly tweeted it would be a great idea to have someone organise a welcome parade for her, she didn't think anyone would take it seriously. But JetBlue organised a party at the airport when she landed.

Whatever your role in call or contact centres, there are lessons to be learned in how using an innovative approach to customer service pays dividends. Many firms use "boot camps" to ensure new employees have a few days of training and get first-hand experience of what customers are likely to call about.

There is nobody better to help develop new products or services than the customers who use them every day. Asking customers for their ideas when they contact you shows you're listening and acting on their suggestions.

You can also use social media to allow for an exchange of ideas and reward customers for their participation.Difficult customers can be hard to handle but, if you can win them over, they can turn into your most vocal supporters. Instead of treating tough customers as annoyances, take time to understand them and their issues.

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Kia Sorento SUV

Kia's improvd third generation Sorento SUV looks as if it's really hitting its stride. JONATHAN CROUCH reports...

BACKGROUND: Kia doesn't really adhere to the normal conventions of car manufacture. The South Korean company wants to get places fast, so its product planning is accelerated, compressed into 'Matrix-style' bullet time. Cars are launched, facelifted and replaced in half the time of many manufacturers. Take the Sorento. It first appeared way back in 2002 and hung around for seven years. Upon introduction it was probably the best car Kia made, but that wasn't too hard when the range included models like the original Rio and the Shuma. The second generation car got with the programme, being a far slicker thing. Introduced in 2010, it got straight onto the fast track; facelifted in 2012 and replaced in 2015 with this third generation car, which was facelifted in the Autumn of 2017 to create the product we're going to look at here. The SUV market has evolved rapidly in that time and car makers can either invest to innovate or react. Kia's chosen the latter route with its Sorento.

DRIVING EXPERIENCE: As before, this Sorento comes only with (the same) 197bhp 2.2-litre turbodiesel engine. What's changed is that this unit is now mated to a much more sophisticated eight-speed automatic transmission (replacing the previous rather clunky six-speeder). This auto gearbox offers four different drive modes - Eco, Comfort, Sport and Smart. Drivers can select their preferred mode with the Sorento's electronic Drive Mode Select system. Each mode enables the user to customise the powertrain's responses to driver inputs, enhancing fuel economy or acceleration characteristics depending on preference. Otherwise, things are much as previously and as before, a six-speed manual transmission remains available. The 2.2-litre diesel develops a peak torque of 441Nm and powers this Kia to 62mph in 9.0s en route to 124mph. Like most of its rivals, this Sotrento isn't really intended for off road use, though rutted tracks are easily within its remit should you want to make use of the provided selectable 4WD system. Refinement is quite impressive, thanks to a torsionally stiff bodyshell, plenty of soundproofing, acoustic shields built into the engine bay, and a thick dashboard. There's nothing particularly sophisticated about the fully-independent suspension (it's mainly borrowed from the previous generation model and features MacPherson struts at the front and Kia's multi-link system at the rear), but Kia maintains that it's fit for purpose. At the rear, the subframe supporting the suspension has large bushings to better isolate it from the cabin and the large shock absorbers are mounted vertically behind the axle line, improving body control.

DESIGN: Updates to the Sorento's exterior design include revised front and rear bumpers, smarter LED headlamps, revised tail lights and a slicker dark metallic finish for the 'tiger-nose' front grille. Otherwise, it's as you were, which means that the Sorento's hallmark long bonnet and trademark chunky D-pillar have been retained, along with the low-ish roofline, high beltline and swept-back shape, all combining to give the car quite a more assertive, muscular stance.

Inside, the cabin features a re-designed steering wheel and driver instrument cluster, as well as a classier climate control LCD display and Kia's latest 8.0-inch touchscreen infotainment system incorporating a new Audio Visual Navigation set-up. There's also an increased proportion of soft touch materials and leather for a more premium cabin ambience. The interior follows a 'modern and wide' theme, providing passengers with a stable, horizontal layout. As before, one of the most distinctive interior styling features is the Swiss watch-inspired centre-console, although to this eye it still looks more Casio than Rado. There's a stack of room inside there though, with five or seven seat models offered. The extra 80mm of wheelbase means greater legroom throughout. Cargo space is mpressive and capacity with the third row seats folded flat is rated at 605-litres.

MARKET: Prices start in the region of around £30,000 which is still excellent value for money. To put that figure into perspective, the similarly-sized Volvo XC90 will require you to dig in for another £20,000. In fact, Kia's asking for the sort of money you'd normally budget for something much smaller, such as a Toyota RAV4 or a Honda CR-V. At those prices, we'd forgive the Sorento for being a bit rough round the edges. The fact that it looks very well-appointed only makes its rivals' task even tougher.

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Goals galore as Carshalton win thriller

If it's goals you're after the Carshalton Athletic are worth a watch this season.

The Robins were unlucky not to claim all three points from their clash with Phoenix Sports at Colston Avenue on Saturday.

Kalvin Morath-Gibbs put the home side ahead in the 12th minute but the visitors levelled just four minutes later through former Arsenal youth prospect Ashley Probets.

In front of a crowd of 311, Josh Phillips restored Carshalton's lead but the Robins had all three points snatched away from them in the final minute when Kweku Ansah found the target.

On Tuesday night the Robins managed to gain all three points from a pulsating encounter at neighbours.

Phillips netted in the third minute at High Road and he was joined on the scoresheet by Raheem Sterling-Parker (48 and 58 minutes) and Tommy Bradford (52) as Carshalton won 4-3.

This Saturday (September 30) the Robins take on Ramsgate at home (3pm).

S&E ease to victory

Towcestrians 19
Sutton & Epsom 60

Sutton & Epsom started the game like a team who had spent three hours on a coach to Northamptonshire.

Before a Sutton hand had touched the ball the Midlanders' number 8 surged to the line to open the scoring after a minute.

An errant conversion meant a 5-0 deficit faced the visitors. Eager to equalise S&E quickly responded to win a penalty which Jacob Knight converted.

Five minutes later poor tackling by Sutton resulted in the Towcestrians centre surging to the line to extend the lead. With the extras added the home team had a 12-3 advantage.

This second reverse focused the Black & Whites who encamped in their opponents 22. Relentless pressure was met by swarming defence. Eventually Jamie See jinked his way to the line from short range. Jacob Knight added a simple conversion. From the restart Matt Whitaker gathered the kick and set off on the first of his many telling runs of the afternoon.

Matt Whitaker then provided James Caddy with a try. Worryingly Sutton lost their hooker Mickey Pointing to a nose injury. Pete Matthews slotted into the back row as George London went to prop and Alex Mount moved across to hook.

However, Alex Mount performed magnificently adding an immaculate display of throwing to his outstanding all round game. The next ten minutes provided a microcosm for the rest of the contest.

Matt Whitaker thrived in this environment carrying relentlessly to great effect to benefit of supporting runners. The ubiquitous and experienced flanker Dave Weller was in the right place at the right time to score. Jacob Knight failed to add to his points tally as Sutton lead 22-12.

S&E were playing with pace, recycling the ball quickly and exploiting gaps near the breakdown. Despite fine breaks by Munford, Whitaker and Cooksammy another try proved elusive. A Jacob Knight penalty was the only additional score of the first period as the referee brought the first half to a conclusion with the Surrey side leading 25-12.

Whitaker broke through the opposition to gift his captain, James Caddy, a second try. The conversion was added as the bonus point was secured. Things got worse for the Greens Norton crowd as they were reduced to 14 men with a yellow card. To the increasing frustration of the Towcestrians team Matt Whitaker broke free once more to set up Andy Matthews for try number five. The Black & Whites made their numerical superiority pay as Matt Whitaker turned from provider to try scorer courtesy of a well weighted George London pass. Jacob Knight added to his mounting personal score with Sutton 46-12 to the good.

The game entered the final quarter with the visiting supporters rewarded with the bonus of witnessing the debut of coach Mike Schmid. The erstwhile Canadian international rolled back the years firstly with a thunderous tackle before an interchange of passes with Stefan Cooksammy saw him saunter over for a very popular try.

From the restart the Sutton Team were distracted as Captain Caddy was poleaxed off the ball. Towcestrians pounced on a clearance kick and ran the ball back powerfully to score giving them the hope of a bonus point if they could engineer another try.

S&E were only able to add one further try as the Midlanders showed tremendous resolve in defence. The last try went deservedly to Stefan Cooksammy who had ran the ball from deep effectively all afternoon. The final tally was 60-19, with eight tries and Jacob Knight adding 20 points with the boot in an impressive kicking display.

The team return next Saturday, 30th September, to Rugby Lane where Westcombe Park are the visitors for the 3pm kick off.

Sutton back on top after 3-2 win over Barrow

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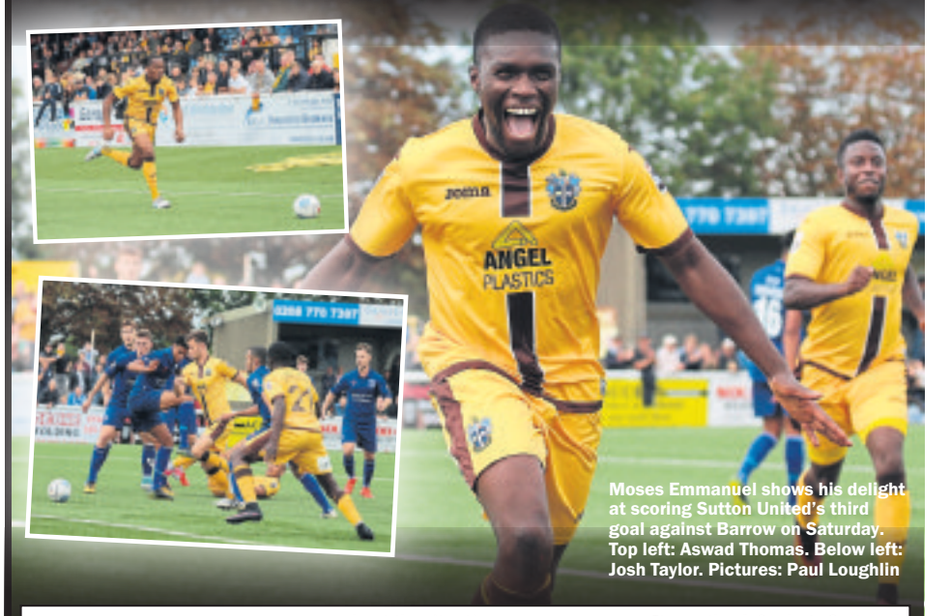

Moses Emmanuel shows his delight at scoring Sutton United's third goal against Barrow on Saturday. Top left: Aswad Thomas. Below left: Josh Taylor. Pictures: Paul Loughlin

SUTTON UNITED
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It's not often a manager predicts his team will lose its next match but that's exactly what Sutton United boss Paul Doswell claimed after seeing his team beat Barrow on Saturday to return to the top of the National League for the fourth time already this season.

Goals from Aswad Thomas, Josh Taylor and Moses Emmanuel helped the U's to a 3-2 victory in front of 1,909 fans, but when asked how his team might fare at fifth-placed Wrexham this Saturday, the Sutton boss joked: "We'll lose. It's not a problem. We'll go back down to sixth and then back to the top after that, I suppose."

Sitting in pole position of the Vanarama National League is like a hot potato at the moment with teams seemingly keen to pass it on.

As well as Sutton, other occupants of the top slot in recent weeks have been Dover Athletic, Dagenham and Redbridge and Aldershot Town, all of who have gone on to suffer poor results once they've reached the summit.

A difficult-looking task has been made all the tougher as the U's travel to north Wales this weekend without influential midfielder Craig Eastmond who picked up his fifth booking of the season late in the game on Saturday.

Despite his obvious disappointment, Doswell was philosophical about the situation.

"It's a difficult trip up there," said the Sutton boss. "Craig's been outstanding for us. The problem for a central midfielder in this league is, five bookings in 12 games — all for genuine tackles — it's pretty much the nature of the beast, but we've got other people in Simon Walton and possibly Nicky Bailey."

Eastmond's suspension comes as a bitter blow to Sutton who have endured a wretched run of injuries recently and were only too pleased to welcome back captain Jamie Collins and striker Ross Lafayette into the team for Saturday's victory, something that delighted Doswell.

"That was big for us. They offer a big physical presence which we knew we'd need today.

"Lafayette managed to get through the 90 minutes and was very good, and with skipper [Collins], you just know what you're going to get from him.

"I thought Eastmond and Thomas were outstanding for us today.

"Josh [Taylor] got better as the game went on. It was a bit scrappy at times but overall, it was a seven or eight out of ten team performance."

Thomas proved to be an unlikely source for Sutton's opening goal against Barrow when his inswinging free-kick from wide on the right evaded everyone to nestle into the far corner of the net.

It was the defender's first goal for the U's since his summer transfer from Dover Athletic.

The visitors levelled from the penalty spot in the 39th minute through former Carshalton Athletic striker Byron Harrison, but the U's forged into a two-goal lead early in the second half when Taylor and Emmanuel pounced from close range.

Harrison pulled another goal back for the Cumbrians in the 62nd minute but Sutton were unlucky not to score further goals when rasping drives from Taylor and Eastmond were excellently saved by goalkeeper Joel Dixon who kept his team in the game and the scoreline respectable.

Taylor's goal was also his first competitive strike for the U's and the former Crystal Palace youth product is clearly enjoying his new challenge at Sutton.

"I am loving every minute of it right now," said the 22-year-old.

"From day one the boys have been great and I get on well with the manager and Bairdy [coach Ian Baird]. I am just enjoying getting stuck in.

"Obviously at the start of the season I had to wait and bide my time. I made a few appearances off the bench, now I am getting a few starts and we're top of the league, so I can't grumble.

"Every time we have a loss and get knocked off the top we seem to bounce back. We just need to put a good run together."

Joy for Harriers

Teams travelled from Cornwall, Guernsey and Norwich for a highly competitive South of England Road Relay Championships at Crystal Palace, ***writes Stuart Flack***.

Epsom & Ewell Harriers' best team performance came from the u13 boys who finished in a fantastic 18th position, which bodes well for the future particularly as the whole team will be eligible to run in the same age group next year. Joe Barker led the team from the front recording 10:05 on the first leg and he was well supported by Callum Howson (10:36), Dan Slaven (10:22) and Jake Valkenburg (10:22).

The u13 girls A team of Chloe Royle (11:57), Riona Stockley (11:15) and Grace Fordham (11:18) finished 34th and there were also strong performances in the B team by Sophie Lomas (11:52) and Phoebe Dunbar (11:55).

The best individual performances came in the u15 races where Harley Norman (8:39) and Kiara Valkenburg (9:42) both had fine runs to come home second on the first leg, and both recorded the 5th fastest laps of the day. The girls team, completed by Charlotte Arkwright and Charlotte Tame, finished in 34th and the boys team (Henry Smith, Sam Ellis and Olly Furze) were 41st.

Salts off to flying start

Epsom and Ewell took on Hanworth Villa on Saturday with the Salts taking the lead on 13 minutes. Liam Roberts played a through ball to Sean White who belted home an unstoppable shot from the edge of the area for 1-0, **writes George Holland**.

Villa equalised four minutes later when Levi King stroked home a low cross from the left wing, while unmarked for 1-1. Both sides created and wasted furthre chances after this, and both keepers kept their sides in it, commanding their penalty areas.

The Salts did hit the crossbar on 40 minutes when a curling free kick on the left deceived Eacott, but bounced away and was cleared. And so we reached half time at 1-1.

Villa thought they had scored on 48 minutes, their players were still celebrating while the Referee's Assistant held his flag up for the infringement, much to the annoyance of the Villa players, and the amusement of the Salts fans in the stand.

On 62 minutes Epsom's Liam Roberts lit up the match with a dazzling run, beating at least five men with a mazy dribble, only to see Eacott make a fine save as the game ended 1-1.

The Salts visit Worcester Park this Saturday in the CCL League Cup 1st Round, 3pm.

Epsom will go to Rusthall's quaintly named Jockey Farm Stadium in the next round of the FA Vase. Rusthall ply their trade in the Southern Counties East League Premier Division.

On Saturday they beat Crawley Down Gatwick 2-1 in the FA Vase 2nd Qualifying Round to reach this stage of the competition.

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